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1. Between 15 July and 24 August 1954, Altes Lager and Neues Lager (2061) in Doberitz were 75 percent occupied by approximately 3,000 soldiers and, between 28 August and 6 September, about 35 percent occupied by approximately 1,500 soldiers. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Absent units were stationed in summer camps at the Doberitz training grounds and engaged in exercises which included night firing practices. Training activity increased after late August. Judging from the noise of battle which was heard throughout day and night, the exercises frequently involved two regiments, predominantly tank and artillery units. In detail, the following observations were made:

4 August. At 2200, 10 tanks, 10 armored personnel carriers, and 20 to 25 trucks towing 12 x 57-mm AT guns [redacted] came from the direction of Altes Lager and went toward Seeburg.

8 August. At noon, 3 trucks towing mortars, presumably of 160mm, entered Altes Lager from the direction of the training grounds.

10 August. After 2000, tanks and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation.

11 to 14 August. Between 2100 and 2300, noise of battle was heard from the Alt-Doberitz area.

24 August. At 2030, 20 to 30 tanks and approximately 30 trucks left Altes Lager toward Hasenheidenberg.

28 August to 2 September. Noise of battle was heard from the former village of Doberitz in the Hasenheidenberg area throughout day and night.

2 September. At 0400, 20 to 25 tanks including T-34/85 tanks left Altes Lager toward Seeburg.

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2 September. At 0400, about 20 tanks left in the same direction.

3 to 6 September. Noise of battle was heard from the training area every night.

2. At 2100 on 3 August, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, approximately 10 light AT guns, approximately 35 trucks with 280 soldiers and 3 field kitchens entered Altes Lager from the direction of the Dallgow-Doberitz railroad station. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.
3. Between 9 and 18 August, Altes and Neues Lager were occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and tank insignia. Intensive training was observed.
4. Between 22 and 29 August, about 60 percent of the windows of Altes Lager in Doeberitz were lit at dusk. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen at training. The Gardestern building, which was usually lighted about 30 percent, was almost dark between 14 and 21 August.

5. On 10 August, the Altes Lager and the Neues Lager in Doeberitz were occupied. Three T-34 tanks were seen under a lean-to roof. Two 122-mm field howitzers were standing nearby. Five 37-mm AA guns were parked near a garage in the north section of the camp. Normal training was observed in the installation area. The Gardestern quarters of Unit Lizenko, soldiers of which wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, were not occupied to capacity.
6. Between 9 and 18 August, the Adler and Loewen Barracks(2063) in Doeberitz were occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Intensive training was observed in the barracks yards on all days of observation. Numerous groups of soldiers drilled there.
7. Between 28 July and 28 August, 70 to 80 percent of the windows of the Adler and Loewen Barracks in Doeberitz were lit at dusk. Varying numbers of soldiers were seen training during the period under observation.
8. Between 24 July and late August, the Adler Kaserne in Doeberitz was occupied to capacity by approximately 2,500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Prior to 3 September, the installation was occupied by approximately 2,000 soldiers. On 26 July, 8 trucks and approximately 750 soldiers organized

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in groups of company and platoon strength and carrying small arms left the installation toward the training grounds. During the rest of the period of observation, only individual soldiers were seen.

9. Between 24 July and late August, the Loewen Kaserne in Doeberitz was occupied by approximately 1,500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia and, prior to 3 September, by approximately 1,000 soldiers. Elements were absent for summer exercises after late August.

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11. On 11 August, the quarters of Units Zurkin and Medvedyev in the Loewen Kaserne in Doeberitz were occupied. Two 57-mm AT guns, 5 armed personnel carriers and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the quartering area of Unit Zurkin and 5 T-34/85 tanks and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed in the quartering area of Unit Medvedyev. On 11 August, the quarters of Unit Kovalov were heavily occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia.

12. On 11 August, the quarters of Unit Yuppa in the Adler Kaserne in Doeberitz were heavily occupied. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were repeatedly seen in the barracks area.

13. Between 28 July and 28 August, 70 to 80 percent of the windows of the west section of the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) in Doeberitz were lighted at dusk.

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15. On 11 August, the quarters of the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Lyalkov, successor of Berezin, in the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf in Doeberitz were occupied. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four newly-painted armored personnel carriers entered this section of the installation. The quartering area of Unit Busigin was still restricted. Major Roshkov succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Sdor who was in charge of the repair shop area.

16. Prior to 1 September, the quartering area of the artillery brigade in Olympisches Dorf (2067) in Doeberitz was occupied to capacity. Between 15 and 18 August, elements of the brigade were absent. Eighty-five mm and 10-mm AT guns and a few 76-mm AT guns were seen in the gun sheds of the brigade. Drill on 4 to 6 x 85-mm AT guns was observed daily after 12 August. After the return on 18 August, 25 to 30 x 85-mm AT guns were cleaned. After 20 August, units frequently left the quartering area for short-term practices. At 1600 on 1 September, the departing unit included 8 x 85-mm AT guns and 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 2 ration supply trucks and 1 field kitchen.

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17. In August, small quantities of engineer equipment and 2 pontoons of Unit Popov were stored at the engineer equipment depot north-east of the Till Eulenspiegel settlement north of Olympisches Dorf.

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18. On 10 August, the quartering area of Unit Boshko in Olympisches Dorf in Doeberitz was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers practiced with 5 x 57-mm AT guns at the drill ground. On 10 August, 3 trucks with TMP-type pontoon sections were seen in the quartering area of Unit Timoshenko, soldiers of which wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. Engineer equipment was seen in several garages. A bridge had been built across a depression in the engineer training area northeast of Olympisches Dorf.

19. A total of 9 temporary, wooden buildings had been built in the wood patch between Lager Strasse and Hadelnweg at the Doeberitz training grounds. The entire area was surrounded by two barbed-wire fences. The windows of the new buildings were secured by iron lattices.³

1. Comment. This was the return from Jueterbog of artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div including elements of the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt which, according to this and previous information, is believed to be stationed in Altes Lager.

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3. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the distribution of units of the 1st Mecz Div in the military installations of the Doeberitz post. The increased training activity of the division at the Doeberitz training grounds has been observed since early August and, according to these and previous observations, continued until early September.

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Training apparently concentrated on night combat practices. Except for Lieutenant Colonel Lyalkov (fnu) and Major Roshkov (fnu), the officers mentioned are known. The installation between Lager Strasse and Hadelnweg presumably is a newly established ammunition depot of the division. Between 15 and 18 August, units of the 2d Light Arty Brig were presumably absent for exercises. According to other observations, elements of the brigade left by road on 20 August, presumably for firing practices in the area north of Neuruppin. The present information possibly indicate that units of the brigade continually participated in exercises of the 1st Mecz Div at the Doeberitz training grounds after 20 August.

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